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SPECIAL REPORT

1972 Republican National Convention (RNC)

Preparations for organized demonstrations at the Republican National Convention (August 21 - 23) appear to be more sophisticated than that which took place during the recent Democratic National Convention.

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The Miami Convention Coalition (MCC), a confederation of anti-war forces, women libbers, gay activists and other diversified groups led by radical activists Rennie Davis and Dave Dellinger, appears to be the principal spokesman and organizer for most of the groups that plan some sort of protest action during the coming GOP Convention. Sixty antiwar and social action groups are reportedly slated to participate.

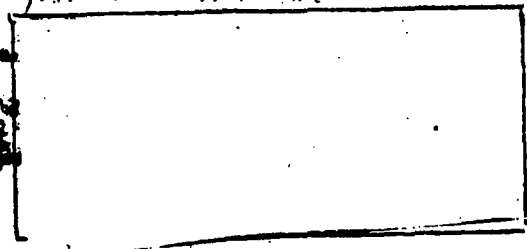
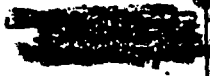
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One of the most difficult problems for these protest groups is attempting to arrange coordinated activities that will have broad appeal and contain a variety of issues and tactics with which the various groups can find identity. To accomplish this end, it appears MCC has implemented the following three strategies: First, it is exploiting the participation of well-known personalities who are not identified with any particular group, such as Daniel Berrigan, the radical priest, and Jane Fonda the antiwar celebrity; secondly, it has designed a broad "Scenario" of events to provide continuity for the various groups involved; and third, it is continuing its rather novel approach of entertaining and amusing the elderly citizens of Miami Beach which gained widespread publicity during the '72 Democratic Convention.

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Protest activities are expected to begin August 14 with the opening of "Expose '72," an anti-imperialist education project that will feature exhibits, workshops and lectures on the war and U.S. imperialism.

Miami 12 Jul 72 Expose '72 Bureau (MCC)



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One of the themes of "Expose" will be an attack on the CIA for their involvement in the affairs and governments of S. E. Asia. (Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia) as well as its supposed involvement in heroin traffic.

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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement expects the following radical organizations to be involved in unlawful protest activities during the convention: the Communist-influenced Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, (VVAW), a major power in the MCC; the Progressive Labor Party; Workers Action Movement, (PLP/WAM), a militant Communist splinter group openly following the Maoist line; and the Youth International Party, (Yippies). The ultra-radical "Zippies," a militant faction of the Youth International Party, are openly predicting violence during the Republican Convention. Dana Beal, a Zippie leader, has promised "to try and push Nixon into the sea with an army of militant protesters."

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The Underground Press Syndicate which feeds material to scores of radical newspapers around the nation, has been promoting a heavy turnout of protesters for months; however, to date there has been no evidence of any massive move to Miami. Sgt. Pete Corso, a Miami Beach police information officer, stated on or about 9 August 1972 that authorities "have been looking for some noticeable buildup, but there just hasn't been one." Informed sources are predicting less than 5,000 protest demonstrators will be present in Miami Beach during the 1972 RNC.

Whatever the size of their ranks, authorities seem to have the situation well in hand. Protest leaders are advocating a militant non-violent confrontation policy. If this policy is followed, demonstrators will express themselves in the strongest possible manner but remain non-violent.

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Miami Beach Convention Center*

CALENDAR OF PROTEST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE RNC

13, 14 August

The VVAW organization has announced plans for a national caravan of protesters originating in the San Francisco Bay area and the New England area on 13, 14 August and arriving in Miami on 20 August.

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14 - 21 August

The Florida chapter of the VVAW will hold a "March Against

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Militarism" from Fort Pierce, Fla. to Miami Beach, Fla. The march will be climaxed by the participants throwing their military medals and ribbons over the fence surrounding the Convention Center.

14 - 23 August

"Expose '72" will "seek to confront and expose the U. S. Government and educate and unite the demonstrators. "Expose," also being referred to as a "Peoples World Fair," will be comprised of films, photographs, guerrilla theater and speeches. These exhibits are to be set up at the demonstrators main campsite, Flamingo Park, and several hotels where delegates will be residing.

20 - 23 August

The Miami Women's Coalition (MWC), a heterogeneous group of determined women's libbers organized specifically to confront delegates to the Democratic and Republican Conventions, plans to openly challenge the American governmental process during the GOP National Convention by blockading Miami's International Airport and the convention hotels.

21 August - a. m.

The "War Crimes Tribunal," patterned after the "Peoples Grand Jury" staged in Washington, D.C. by the Communist-influenced Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ) in October 1971, will convene on the above date. This two-day mock trial will consist of senior citizens or Miami Beach hearing testimony from veterans, ex-prisoners, labor representatives, blacks, welfare recipients and gays on the crimes of the administration.

21 August - p. m.

A Vietnamese Student Cultural Event is scheduled to take place this date. Veterans and Vietnamese living in the United States will present a history of Vietnam through song, dance and guerrilla theater.

A George Jackson Memorial Service will also be conducted by the above mentioned group. The service will emphasize George Jackson's philosophy and how it may be implemented into one's routine way of life. Jackson was one of the Soledad Brothers who was shot and killed on 21 August 1972 by a guard during an attempted San Quentin Prison break.

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22 August

The War Crimes Tribunal will continue to hear testimony throughout the morning. In the evening as the delegates are going to the Convention Hall, protesters will line Collins Avenue, which is to be renamed "Street Without Joy" and draw the war crimes of the administration to the attention of the delegations as they drive through the "Gauntlet of Shame."

The "Street Without Joy" action will be followed by the "March Against Murder" led by the militant VVAW group who will present the poor peoples platform and a seven point peace proposal at the Convention Hall.

23 August

At 3 p. m., protesters are scheduled to conduct a militant non-violent march to the Doral Hotel (GOP Headquarters) with the intent of preventing delegates from attending the Convention. At 6 p. m. demonstrators will march to the Convention Center and attempt to block entrances using "Mobile Civil Disobedience Tactics."

SOURCE: Government and News Media

RELIABILITY: Probably True